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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FORMED TO DRAFT FUNDAMENTAL LAW

1. ARTICLE 42 OF THE ALVOR AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR A CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A FUNDAMENTAL LAW FOR THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. IN ARTICLE 43 OF THE AGREEMENT THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRAFTING AN ELECTORAL LAW AND ORGANIZING ELECTIONS. THE COMMITTEE HAS NOW BEEN FORMED AND HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16.

2. EACH LIBERATION GROUP HAS THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE. THE CHIEF OF THE UNITA DELEGATION IS DR ANTONIO FERNANDES VIEIRA, A WHITE LAWYER BUSINESSMAN WHO FELL INTO THE BAD GRACES OF FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO AND WAS FORCED TO REMAIN IN LISBON FOR SEVERAL WEEKS ON CHARGES OF ECONOMIC CONSPIRACY. HEADING UP THE FNLA DELEGATION IS THEIR MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL, JOHNNY EDUARDO. FOR MPLA THE CHIEF IS DIOGENES BOAVIDA, A BLACK AND LONGTIME PRACTITIONER OF LAW IN LUANDA WHO IS NOW MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

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BOTH THE UNITA AND MPLA DELEGATIONS HAVE AT LEAST TWO LAWYERS, AT

THE MOMENT, THE FNLA DELEGATION, BESIDES EDUARDO, IS MADE UP OF NGOLA KABANGO, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND HENDRIK VAAL NETO, SECRETARY OF INFORMATION. NEITHER ONE HAS LEGAL BACKGROUND.

3. DURING THEIR FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 20 TO DISCUSS ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE LAW. ON FEBRUARY 27 EACH MOVEMENT WILL PRESENT A DRAFT. A SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE CHIEFS OF DELEGATIONS WILL SYNTHESIZE THE DRAFTS AND COME UP WITH A FINAL VERSION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PROMULGATE BY LAW BY MARCH 31 IN ORDER TO GIVE WHITE ANGOLANS SOME BASIS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO VOTE IN THE PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS ON APRIL 12, OR OPT FOR ANGOLAN CITIZENSHIP.

4. THE COMMITTEE HOPES TO FINISH THE FINAL VERSION BY MID MARCH AND THEN TURN ITS ATTENTION TO DRAFTING THE ELECTORAL LAW. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME THAT IT WILL BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD ELECTIONS PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, BUT THE COMMITTEE IS GOING TO TRY AND COME UP WITH A FORMULA THAT WILL BE BOTH SWIFT AND SATISFACTORY TO ALL THREE MOVEMENTS.

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